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(1) English text of President's October 8 message was handed King Saud in Riyadh October 13 by Embassy Arab consultant Mohamed who then read him Arabic translation.

King said, "It is good message" and forwarded it at once to Council of Ministers then in session. It would, he said, be studied and answer prepared; and he would probably send for me to receive and discuss answer as he had done for his answer to President's last message (MYTEL 125 from Dhahran).

Next day royal counselor Yusuf Yasin asked Mohamed inform me answer would be prepared "in few days" after developments in Suez question before UNSC were known and had been studied.

(2) Mohamed was able also during Riyadh visit handle effectively several other matters, e.g. Syrian oil refinery (DEPTEL 241) and General Taylor visit (DEPTEL 254) which I shall report in immediately following telegrams.

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